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Greetings and Congratulations,

Welcome to the 2016 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director's Awards Ceremony! Today, we salute the outstanding achievements of **552** people who have set the standard of excellence for us all. By demonstrating extraordinary perseverance and commitment in the fields of scientific research, administration, mentoring, and clinical care, these individuals truly reflect the best of NIH.

Each year, I am amazed and humbled by the accomplishments of the latest round of honorees. Together, their work demonstrates an exceptional dedication to helping NIH carry out its mission of supporting scientific advances that improve human health.

As Director of NIH, it is my pleasure to say thank you to each of today's award recipients for your impressive contributions. You have challenged the status quo and found solutions to complex challenges—and, in the process, raised the bar for everyone who works for NIH.

I also want to recognize your family members, friends, and co-workers, including all who are attending this ceremony. Thanks to their support and understanding, your loved ones truly have been able to go above and beyond in serving NIH.

Today, NIH welcomes the opportunity to celebrate yet another extraordinary group of awardees. Because of *your* dedication, NIH has succeeded—and will continue to succeed—in advancing biomedical research in ways that benefit not only our own nation, but the entire world.

We salute your accomplishments and offer best wishes for continued success,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis S. Collins". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, NIH

2016 NIH DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

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Director, NIH

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NIH DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

The NIH Director's Award recognizes superior performance or special efforts significantly beyond the regular duty requirements, and directly related to fulfilling the mission of the National Institutes of Health. The three categories of the NIH Director's Award:

Scientific/Medical

The awardees in this category have accomplished one of the following:

- » Unusual display of leadership that promoted the advancement of the understanding or application of scientific phenomena, processes or problems
- » Unusual achievement in the application of scientific principles and methods to improve the efficiency or extend the benefits of the NIH
- » Discovery or invention of a new principle, process or device of a scientific nature that resulted in substantial benefits
- » Unusual competence, compassion, or heroism in an emergency situation at NIH
- » Sustained and excellent performance in carrying out a difficult task
- » Outstanding contribution to a special committee or task force dealing with NIH-wide policies, procedures or operations
- » Skill and leadership in science

Administrative

The awardees in this category have accomplished one of the following:

- » Exceptional initiative or leadership in carrying out activities to improve NIH program operations or to benefit the NIH environment
- » Development and improvement of methods, procedures, or equipment that resulted in substantial benefits to the NIH or government
- » Unusual competence, compassion, or heroism in an emergency situation at NIH
- » Sustained and excellent performance in carrying out a difficult task
- » Outstanding contribution to a special committee or task force dealing with NIH-wide policies, procedures or operations
- » Notable competence and resourcefulness in improving the administrative management of the NIH
- » Skill and leadership in administration

Technical/Clerical/Support

The awardees in this category have accomplished one of the following:

- » Outstanding efforts in applying technical or clerical support skills to accomplish the NIH mission
- » Exceptional initiative in carrying out activities to improve NIH program operations or to benefit the NIH environment
- » Unusual competence, compassion, or heroism in an emergency situation at NIH
- » Sustained and excellent performance in carrying out a difficult task

CLINICAL CENTER

Administrative

Rebekah E. Geiger, CC

For excellence in leading Clinical Center administrative policy development, governance support, strategic plan monitoring, and oversight of operations of the Edmond J. Safra Family Lodge.

Technical/Clerical/Support

Daniel M. McAnally, CC

For unwavering administrative and clerical support of Clinical Center educational activities, including Grand Rounds, Demystifying Medicine, and the core clinical research curriculum benefitting the NIH.

CENTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Scientific/Medical

MRI Guided Cardiovascular Intervention Team

In recognition of The Development of Physiological Recording in MRI Environment (PRiME) for the Implementation of Radiation-Free MRI-Guided Right Heart Catheterization.

Jessica L. Crouch, *CIT*

Anthony Z. Faranesh, *NHLBI*

Marcial A. Garmendia, *CIT*

John W. Kakareka, *CIT*

Robert J. Lederman, *NHLBI*

Jonathan R. Mazal, *NHLBI*

Kendall J. O'Brien, *NHLBI*

Thomas J. Pohida, *CIT*

Randall H. Pursley, *CIT*

Kanishka Ratnayaka, *NHLBI*

Toby Rogers, *NHLBI*

William H. Schenke, *NHLBI*

Virtual-reality Systems Group

In recognition of using virtual-reality systems to dissect neural circuits of color-vision.

Sarah M. Anderson, *CIT*

Marcial A. Garmendia, *CIT*

Jonathan A. Krynitsky, *CIT*

Chi-Hon Lee, *NICHD*

Yan Li, *NICHD*

Thomas J. Pohida, *CIT*

Randall H. Pursley, *CIT*

Paul D. Smith, *NIBIB*

Administrative

nVISION R12 Project Team

In recognition of the nVision R12 Project.

Susan E. Antrim, *CIT*

Milad Bahrami, *CIT*

Jennifer Bayless, *CIT*

Jonathan W. Burelbach, *CIT*

Debra B. Chavez, *CIT*

Karen M. Johnson, *CIT*

Mythanh T. Nguyen, *CIT*

Nagaraja Ramakrishnachar, *CIT*

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Norman D. Thompson, *CIT*

Quynh Giao M. Tran, *CIT*

Nathaniel R. Wilvert, *CIT*

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

Scientific/Medical

Lee J. Helman, *NCI*

For exceptional research and leadership efforts providing critical advances in understanding rare diseases and developing novel therapies for pediatric cancer patients.

CCR Science Board

For exceptionally insightful and diligent guidance, oversight, and leadership in developing scientific projects that will shape the future of the NCI intramural program.

Brenda J. Boersma-Maland, *NCI*

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Mark R. Gilbert, *NCI*

Frank J. Gonzalez, *NCI*

Ronald E. Gress, *NCI*

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Lawrence E. Samelson, *NCI*

Joel P. Schneider, *NCI*

Patricia S. Steeg, *NCI*

Jeffrey N. Strathern, *NCI*

Giorgio Trinchieri, *NCI*

Mark C. Udey, *NCI*

Kylie J. Walters, *NCI*

Brigitte C. Widemann, *NCI*

NCI-NHLBI Cancer Treatment-Related Cardiotoxicity Team

For extraordinary contributions to cancer and cardiovascular research through the development and implementation of a comprehensive, multi-institute approach to improve outcomes in cancer treatment-related cardiotoxicity.

Bishow B. Adhikari, *NHLBI*

Patrice M. Desvigne-Nickens, *NHLBI*

Eileen P. Dimond, *NCI*

Andrew N. Freedman, *NCI*

Myrtle D. Millin, *NCI*

Lori M. Minasian, *NCI*

Nonniekaye F. Shelburne, *NCI*

Heng Xie, *NCI*

Enterprise Solutions Team of the Office of Science and Technology Resources

For developing the CCR Research Exchange, a comprehensive platform empowering NCI investigators by connecting them with cutting-edge resources from a global network of research partners.

David J. Goldstein, *NCI*

Mariam Q. Malik, *NCI*

NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

Scientific/Medical

Okihide Hikosaka, *NEI*

In recognition of extraordinary contributions to the field of systems neuroscience.

Ebola Vision Research Support Team

For outstanding diagnostic testing and logistical support of the vision portion of the Ebola Study being conducted in Monrovia, Liberia.

Denise Cunningham, *NEI*

Guy E. Foster, *NEI*

Electronic Health Record Source Data Capture FDA Demonstration Project Team

In recognition of leadership in developing a standards-based technology to integrate electronic health record data and clinical research data.

William R. O'Donnell, *NEI*

Elizabeth C. Murphy, *NEI*

Administrative

NEI Audacious Goals Management Leadership Group

In recognition of exceptional management leadership in enabling a highly complex and visible research initiative to make neuro-regenerative medicine a reality.

Steven M. Becker, *NEI*

Donald F. Everett, *NEI*

Thomas N. Greenwell, *NEI*

Dustin C. Hays, *NEI*

Michael A. Steinmetz, *NEI*

Daniel T. Stimson, *NEI*

Cheri L. Wiggs, *NEI*

NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Scientific/Medical

NIH Clinical Center Genomics Opportunity (CCGO) Program Team

For developing the trans-NIH Clinical Center Genomics Opportunity (CCGO) program, which establishes the first NIH Clinical Center genomic test with CLIA-compliant exome sequencing.

Benjamin E. Berkman, *NHGRI*

Barbara B. Biesecker, *NHGRI*

Leslie G. Biesecker, *NHGRI*

Gerard G. Bouffard, *NHGRI*

Nancy F. Hansen, *NHGRI*

Jennifer J. Johnston, *NHGRI*

Teri A. Manolio, *NHGRI*

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James W. Thomas, *NHGRI*

Pamela J. Thomas, *NHGRI*

Meghana Vemulapalli, *NHGRI*

Alice C. Young, *NHGRI*

Administrative

Sara C. Hull, *NHGRI*

For exceptional performance as Director of NHGRI's Bioethics Core and Chair of NHGRI IRB, and a role model for the entire NIH Intramural Research Program.

Technical/Clerical/Support

Allen J. Chesley, *NHGRI*

For extraordinary initiative in meeting needs to ensure the smooth operation of the National Human Genome Research Institute labs in Building 50.

NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE

Scientific/Medical

Carol J. Blaisdell, *NHLBI*

For exceptional performance in overseeing the development of the NIH Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) program.

Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial (SPRINT) Team

For leadership and management of the Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial which will have substantial impact on the treatment of hypertension in the United States.

Amrana Ali, *NHLBI*

Lawrence J. Fine, *NHLBI*

Cheryl A. Jennings, *NHLBI*

Paul L. Kimmel, *NIDDK*

Lenore J. Launer, *NIA*

Claudia S. Moy, *NINDS*

Laurie M. Ryan, *NIA*

Joni K. Syder, *NHLBI*

Hanife E. Tolunay, *NHLBI*

Jeffrey A. Williams, *NHLBI*

Song Yang, *NHLBI*

Administrative

Working Group to Improve Employee Performance Management

In recognition for developing an automated ePMAP system to improve active employee participation in the performance management process and minimize Institute risk.

Kimberly A. Barone, *NHLBI*

Laura J. Broe, *NHLBI*

Alyse M. Burton, *NHLBI*

Eric M. Coles, *NHLBI*

Michael A. Corriere, *NHLBI*

Heather Coulter, *NIMH*

Mishyelle I. Croom, *NHLBI*

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Charles A. Dunn, *NHLBI*

Jennifer E. Eybl, *NHLBI*

Daniel B. Fogarty, *NHLBI*

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Hannah M. Jones, *NHLBI*

Rachel M. Khmarsky, *NHLBI*

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Caron J. Lee, *NHLBI*

Nichelle S. Lewis, *NHLBI*

Mark E. Parker, *NHLBI*

Marian P. Skupski, *NHLBI*

Theresa A. Squadere, *NHLBI*

Melanie R. Wu, *NHLBI*

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

Scientific/Medical

Andrew B. Singleton, NIA

In recognition of contributions to elucidating the genetic basis of Parkinson's Disease.

Administrative

Go4Life Campaign Group

In recognition of exemplary leadership, creativity, and teamwork in creating Go4Life Month 2015 to expand opportunities for physical activity among older adults.

Vicky Cahan, NIA

Erin H. Calhoun, NIA

Kim M. Calvin, NIA

Megan H. Cardin, NIA

Barbara L. Cire, NIA

Stephanie R. Dailey, NIA

Chhanda Dutta, NIA

Susan R. Farrer, NIA

Fredlyn S. Karp, NIA

Karen M. Pocinki, NIA

Marcia Pruzan, NIA

Karen S. Reddish, NIA

Margaret S. Vaughn, NIA

Jennifer L. Watson, NIA

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM

Administrative

The NIAAA CollegeAIM Development and Project Management Team

For sustained and extraordinary initiative, leadership, and performance in the challenging task of developing and disseminating NIAAA College Alcohol Intervention Matrix, "CollegeAIM."

Fred J. Donodeo, NIAAA

Vivian B. Faden, NIAAA

Maureen B. Gardner, NIAAA

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scientific/Medical

Lori E. Dodd, NIAID

For passion and perseverance responding to the 2014-15 Ebola crisis including a symposium, a special journal issue, and the design of a randomized trial.

African Center for Excellence in Bioinformatics Team

For development of a sustainable bioinformatics education and research center in West Africa through a public-private partnership.

Fatoumata B. Bathily, *NIAID*

Ari Berman, *NIEHS*

Adama Diaman Keita, *NIAID*

Stan Gloss, *NIAID*

Darrell E. Hurt, *NIAID*

Yentram Huyen, *NIAID*

Gregg Mahdessian, *NIAID*

Alexander I. Rosenthal, *NIAID*

Richard Sakai, *NIAID*

Michael Tartakovsky, *NIAID*

Christopher Whalen, *NIAID*

Vicki Zagaria, *NIAID*

HOPE Act Criteria, Standards and Regulations Group

For exemplary leadership in the development of criteria, standards, and regulations to allow transplantation of HIV+ donor organs in HIV-infected patients.

Nancy D. Bridges, *NIAID*

John T. Brooks, *NIAID*

Edward C. Doo, *NIDDK*

Lawrence M. Fox, *NIAID*

Melinda D. Haskins, *NIAID*

Paul L. Kimmel, *NIDDK*

Matthew J. Kuehnert, *NIAID*

Jonah N. Odum, *NIAID*

Mark A. Robien, *NIAID*

Averell H. Sherker, *NIDDK*

Natasha M. Watson, *NIAID*

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES

Scientific/Medical

Pediatric Patient Reported Outcomes in Chronic Diseases (PEPR) Team

For outstanding scientific leadership of the NIH Validation of Pediatric Patient Reported Outcomes in Chronic Diseases (PEPR) Consortium Initiative.

Stephanie Y. Burrows, *NIAMS*

Justine F. Buschman, *NIAMS*

Jennifer T. Chi, *NIAMS*

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Aleisha S. James, *NIAMS*

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William P. Tonkins, *NIAMS*

James P. Witter, *NIAMS*

Administrative

Cheryl A. Talar-Williams, NIAMS

In recognition of sustained outstanding contributions to the NIH clinical research mission.

Planning and Development Team for the NIH Lupus Research Plan

For outstanding collaborative efforts in support of the development of the NIH Lupus Research Plan.

Stephanie Y. Burrows, *NIAMS*

Anita M. Linde, *NIAMS*

Marie Mancini, *NIAMS*

Kathryn R. Marron, *NIAMS*

Andree E. Reuss, *NIAMS*

Susana A. Serrate, *NIAMS*

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOMEDICAL IMAGING AND BIOENGINEERING

Scientific/Medical

Tiffani B. Lash, NIBIB

For exceptional leadership of the joint NIH and Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation efforts to accelerate development of point-of-care medical technologies for global health.

George H. Patterson, NIBIB

For extraordinary creativity and dedication leading to dramatic and widely adopted improvements in high-resolution optical microscopy, including creation of the first photoactivatable green fluorescent protein.

EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Scientific/Medical

Eugene G. Hayunga, NICHD

For his dedication, commitment and leadership to the NICHD and NIH community.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRUG ABUSE

Scientific/Medical

Marisela F. Morales, *NIDA*

For discovery challenging 2 dogmas: “Signaling of one neurotransmitter per neuron” and “Dorsal raphe nucleus signaling by serotonergic neurotransmission,” prevailing over 50 years.

The Naloxone Team

For outstanding performance in the development of an FDA approved form of intranasal naloxone (Narcan Nasal Spray) for the treatment of opioid overdose.

Chia Whei N. Chiang, *NIDA*

Shwe M. Gyaw, *NIDA*

Philip A. Krieter, *NIDA*

David J. McCann, *NIDA*

Moo Kwang Park, *NIDA*

Robert L. Walsh, *NIDA*

Administrative

Susan R. Weiss, *NIDA*

In recognition of extraordinary leadership, vision, and hard work in facilitating collaborative research on addiction at NIH.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Scientific/Medical

NIDCD Single-Cell RNA-Sequencing Group

For extraordinary leadership and skill in pioneering the use of single-cell RNA-Sequencing within the NIH Intramural Research Program.

Joseph C. Burns, *NIDCD*

Michael Hoa, *NIDCD*

Matthew W. Kelley, *NIDCD*

Michael C. Kelly, *NIDCD*

Robert J. Morell, *NIDCD*

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL AND CRANIOFACIAL RESEARCH

Scientific/Medical

John W. Kusiak, *NIDCR*

For exemplary leadership and innovative contributions towards advancing NIDCR's public-private partnerships and trans-NIH leadership activities.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES

Scientific/Medical

Susan K. Buchanan, *NIDDK*

For outstanding research achievement in understanding the structure and function of bacterial outer-membrane transporters, which leads to new approaches for vaccine and antibiotics development.

Accelerating Medicines Partnership for Type 2 Diabetes Project Team

For leadership of the Accelerating Medicines Partnership for type 2 diabetes and creation of a knowledge portal to advance international research in type 2 diabetes.

Beena G. Akolkar, *NIDDK*

Oliver C. Blondel, *NIDDK*

Philip F. Smith, *NIDDK*

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Scientific/Medical

Allen J. Wilcox, *NIEHS*

For pioneering epidemiologic research in human reproduction that has defined the field and led to improved understanding of fertility and pregnancy.

NIH Disaster Research Response Group

For outstanding contributions to the development of an innovative research program to address human health effects of natural and man-made disasters.

Stacey J. Arnesen, *NLM*

April L. Bennett, *NIEHS*

Betsy L. Eagin, *NIEHS*

Stavros Garantziotis, *NIEHS*

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Steven K. Ramsey, *NIEHS*

Leslie J. Reinlib, *NIEHS*

James W. Remington, *NIEHS*

Claudia L. Thompson, *NIEHS*

Technical/Clerical/Support

Kathleen P. Ochoa, *NIEHS*

For exemplary performance and leadership in the administrative office of the Epigenetics and Stem Cell Biology Laboratory.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

Scientific/Medical

Peter C. Preusch, *NIGMS*

For his leadership in developing and implementing the MIRA program in NIGMS.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

Scientific/Medical

Peter J. Schmidt, *NIMH*

For outstanding research on the relationship between sex steroids, stress, and mood, and outreach to the public about the importance of this research.

Administrative

NIH NeuroBioBank Team

For the invaluable contributions of the NIH NeuroBioBank team to accelerating brain research through increased access to high quality tissue.

Michelle P. Freund, *NIMH*

Alvin R. Little, *NIDA*

Cathy K. Ng, *NIMH*

Anna R. Taylor, *NINDS*

Single Cell Analysis Challenge Team

For extraordinary work developing and implementing the “Follow That Cell” Challenge awarding prizes to recognize innovative advances in single cell analysis.

David Balasundaram, *CSR*

Ravikumar Basavappa, *NIMH*

Andrea C. Beckel-Mitchener, *NIMH*

Richard S. Conroy, *NIBIB*

Alvin R. Little, *NIDA*

Cathy K. Ng, *NIMH*

David M. Panchision, *NIMH*

Roderic I. Pettigrew, *NIBIB*

Erin P. Shannon, *NIMH*

Yong Yao, *NIMH*

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKES

Scientific/Medical

Ling-Gang Wu, *NINDS*

For outstanding contributions to furthering the understanding of exocytosis, endocytosis, and synaptic plasticity fundamental to the nervous system function.

NIH BRAIN Initiative Leadership

For dedicated and outstanding leadership of the NIH Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies Coordination Team.

Gregory K. Farber, *NIMH*

Edmund M. Talley, *NINDS*

Technical/Clerical/Support

NINDS IT System Implementation and Enhancements Group

For rapidly adopting and helping to improve IT systems developed by NINDS for purchasing, protocol tracking, personnel, and voice over internet protocol.

Kaitlyn P. Benson, *NINDS*

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Scientific/Medical

Sameer K. Antani, *NLM*

For exemplary leadership and creative engineering in developing an automated chest x-ray screening system for tuberculosis and deploying it in Africa.

Evolutionary Genomics Research Group

For their work on discovery and functional classification of diverse Class 2 CRISPR-Cas systems.

Eugene Koonin, *NLM*

Kira S. Makarova, *NLM*

Sergey A. Shmakov, *NLM*

Yuri I. Wolf, *NLM*

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Scientific/Medical

Kathleen Etz, *NIDA*

For catalyzing and effectively coordinating the advancement of tribal health research across the NIH.

NCS Redirection/ECHO Working Group

For catalyzing the advancement of pediatric and environmental health research through development of the FY 2016 plan to redirect the National Children's Study efforts.

Rajeev K. Agarwal, *OD*

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Lisa Kaeser, *NICHD*

Christine A. Kelley, *NIBIB*

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Robert F. Tamburro, *NICHD*

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NIH-wide Strategic Plan Working Group

For significant contributions toward developing an NIH-wide Strategic Plan.

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John Burklow, *OD*

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Anna M. Calcagno, *NIGMS*

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Laura K. Cole, *NIDCD*

Christine A. Cooper, *NIBIB*

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Christine M. Cutillo, *NCATS*

Jessica R. Escobedo, *NIMHD*

Meredith A. Fox, *NIMH*

Carla R. Garnett, *OD*

Rebekah E. Geiger, *CC*

Jill S. George, *OD*

Christian T. Gilliland, *NCATS*

Sarah L. Glavin, *NICHD*

Nirupa Goel, *OD*

John P. Grason, *NINR*

Pamela J. Harris, *NCI*

Rebecca E. Hawes, *NINR*

Eugene G. Hayunga, *NICHD*

Jill E. Heemskerk, *NIBIB*

Jennifer A. Hobin, *NIAAA*

David J. Horsford, *NIDCR*

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The Alan S. Rabson Award for Clinical Care was established in honor of National Cancer Institute Deputy Director, Dr. Alan S. Rabson, whose half-century of dedicated service stands as the epitome of clinical care at the National Institutes of Health.

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The Distinguished Service Medal is the highest Commissioned Corps honor award. It is presented to an officer who has demonstrated a genuine sense of public service by making exceptional contributions to the mission of the PHS. Achievements to be recognized may range from extraordinary management of a major health program to a heroic act.

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CAPT William Elkins, *NIAID*

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The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award of the Year

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For your perseverance to open the world of research and science to students of diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds at the National Institutes of Health.

Harvey J. Bullock Jr. Award

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